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## President's Column

November, 1956

Our wonderful government set aside a day in November for a big turkey dinner and to be with your family and friends. The most important of all, to say a prayer of thanks for our many blessings, this we should do every day of the year. We all know that real happiness is cheap enough, yet how dearly we pay for its counterfeit.

Thanks goes to the Michigan Chapter for finding us a wonderful new member, from Australia. Genni Roche, we are happy to have you as a Ninety-Nine. Ada Mitchell, the new governor of the Middle East Section, has injected a lot of new enthusiasm and interest in that area. I had the pleasure of attending that Section meeting in Washington, D. C., and found it very well attended and most interesting. Good work, girls.

Start thinking of your new national officers, it will not be long before the nominating committee wheels start rolling in January. Try to pick girls who have a desire, drive and time to do the job well. It is a great honor to serve in any office of the Ninety-Nines.

With about 16,000 licensed women pilots, I am sure we can find lots more good Ninety-Nine members, let's try to find them. We want our organization to grow and grow, united we can do so much more for all women pilots and aviation in general.

Do not go through life doing little things painfully, you were made to do great things grandly, happily.

Flying is a good clean outdoor sport and an excellent mental diversion. Let's all keep flying.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Gardner Whyte

## HEADQUARTERS VISITORS

Thelma Lindzay, Michigan Chapter; Marie Rushing and Martha Anne Reading, Texas Chapter; Cora McDonald, Alabama Chapter; Hazel Zimmerman and 49½er A. E., San Joaquin Valley Chapter, and E. N. Hudman, husband of Rita, Carolinas Chapter.

## A BOUQUET FROM "IKE"

Saturday night, Oct. 27, the Los Angeles Chapter held its annual Stardust Dinner Dance at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica. We were greatly honored that the President of the United States sent us a telegram to be read to our group on this occasion. As you know, President Dwight D. Eisenhower is the only United States President ever to hold a pilot's license.

We thought you would like to publish a copy of the telegram of recognition to the women pilots of the nation from the President. It reads as follows:

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Miss Christie C. Warren,  
Chairman

Los Angeles Chapter  
The Ninety-Nines Inc.  
4526 West 63 St., Los A

To the members and guests of the Los Angeles Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, I send greetings. The talent and experience of our licensed women pilots are part of the resources of our nation. As members of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots and the Civil Air Patrol, you contribute materially to the air power of America.

Best wishes for many prosperous and pleasant flying hours.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

We feel that all Ninety-Nines will be as thrilled as we are over the President's greeting because it includes them too.

Sincerely,  
Christie Warren  
Chairman  
Los Angeles Chapter  
The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

## AWTAR 1957

A reminder: Make your plans now to participate in the 11th Annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race. The starting point will be San Mateo County Airport at San Carlos, Calif. The terminus will be at North Philadelphia Airport, Philadelphia, Pa.

### The Dates

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| Impounding Deadline ..... | July 3  |
| Take-off .....            | July 6  |
| Deadline to Finish .....  | July 10 |
| Awards Dinner .....       | July 11 |

Rules and regulations and applications for entry will be available after the first of February. Please address all inquiries to AWTAR, Inc., 2611 East Spring Street, Long Beach 6, Calif.

Look for the news about the route in the next issue of this News Letter. The AWTAR is sponsored by The Ninety-Nines, Inc., sanctioned by the National Aeronautic Association and conducted under the rules and regulations of Federation Aeronautique Internationale. — Betty H. Gillies, Chairman.

## 99 PROSPECTS

We hear via the bird-vine that quite a few gals are learning to fly! Each member should make it a "must project" to inquire at every airport you visit for names of women who are flying there. Bet you'll be surprised how many 99 prospects you may uncover this way! If out of your state—drop a line to the respective state chairman or to me. According to our set-up—new members don't come to us—99's must go to them. GOOD HUNTING. — Lois Dobbin, International Membership Chairman.



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**Deadline For News**

The First Of Each Month

**Pilots Briefing**

Next News Letter news to be sent in not later than the first of January. There will not be a News Letter in December due to the Christmas rush and the printing of the Roster.

Have lots of nice parties for the Ninety-Nines over the holidays, they are the grandest group of people you will find anywhere.

Make a New Year's Resolution to attend and work with your Section and Chapters, this will pay you the very best dividends.

Any of our members having a commercial license, with an instructor's and instrument rating, interested in a position paying about \$500 per month, write Edna Gardner Whyte immediately.

NEWS LETTER REPORTERS: PLEASE, both your printer and editor ask that your news be typed on 8½x11 paper, double spaced and full width of the page.

**COMING EVENTS**

Dates of the 1957 national convention, McAllen, Texas, June 14 and 15.

AWTAR from San Carlos, Calif. to Philadelphia, Pa. Impounding deadline July 3, takeoff July 6, finish and awards dinner, July 10.



This was the start of the Annete Gipson I. J. Fox Close Course Race at Roosevelt Field, 1934. Can you tell me who they are from left to right? 1. ?, 2. ?, 3. Edith Descomb, 4. Arlene Davis, 5. Edna Gardner Whyte, 6. Frances Marcellis, 7. Helen McCloskey Rough, 8. Susana Humphries, 9. Annete Gipson, 10. Margery Ludwigson, 11. Amelia Earhart, 12. ?, 13. Peggy Reamy, 14. Helen Richey, 15. Mrs. I. J. Fox, child unknown.

**The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship**

Quite some time has elapsed since the history and routine of the AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP sponsored by the NINETY-NINES has appeared in the News Letter. During that interval many new members have joined the NINETY-NINES and are not fully informed about this project which the organization as a whole has built up to a point where the reward has doubled in value. Keep this issue in your files available for ready reference to answer questions which may arise regarding the scholarship.

**Amelia Earhart**

Who is Amelia Earhart? To those who have come into being within the last 25 years, she may seem to be a mythical person, but to those who were concurrently active in aviation with her, she still is a very real person. Through her work and influence, woman's place in aviation was widened and made more secure. Quoting from Rep. Wm. H. Avery in his letter to Postmaster General Summerfield requesting government recognition of Amelia Earhart by an issue of a commemorative stamp in her honor, here are some of her accomplishments:

First woman to fly the Atlantic Ocean solo.

First woman to pilot an autogiro,

and to cross the United States in the autogiro.

First woman to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross.

First woman to fly non-stop across the United States.

First woman to fly from Hawaii to the United States.

She also was the first to set an official speed record for women. She was the first woman to become a consulting member of the faculty at Purdue University, specializing in aeronautics and careers for women. Further quoting from Rep. Avery: "Amelia Earhart can be counted among America's pioneers in science, medicine, industry and exploration. Although she received the homage of the world, she remained a modest, dignified and charming woman to the end."

From the beginning, Amelia was a "good" Ninety-Nine leader. At her suggestion the name of the organization indicates the number of charter members. She was its first president. For several years she donated a trophy at the National Air Races for the winner of the Women's Closed Course event. For a year or more she gave a hat each month to the 99 who landed at the greatest number of airports during each 30 days. She dedicated her first book, "The Fun of It" to the Ninety-Nines. No matter how lousy she might be, she could always





Lois Dobbin, Kansas Chapter chairman, presenting the award plaque to Ann Clark of Garden City, winner of the \$300 Flight Scholarship of the Bobby Slade Memorial Fund.

extend a helping hand to the Ninety-Nines.

#### A Memorial To Her

On July 2, 1937, the world was suddenly shocked by news flashes that Amelia's around-the-world flight was in trouble over the Pacific. It was her unfinished flight. A flight which would have been another "first" for her record of achievements. The Ninety-Nines had lost a most outstanding member.

What could they do to carry on her unselfish interest and enthusiasm for all women in aviation? Out of many suggestions submitted, the scholarship project was set up as a "living memorial" to her, the most ambitious united effort which the Ninety-Nines had undertaken to date.

#### The Resolution

The idea was brought into reality when the New York-New Jersey Section donated over \$1200 to start the fund.

At the international convention of the Ninety-Nines in Albuquerque, N. M., in July, 1941 under the presidency of Betty Gillies, a resolution was proposed and approved to set up the "Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship" with a fund then totaling about \$2500. So well thought out was this proposal that very few amendments have been necessary to keep it up-to-date.

A brief outline of the resolution (with notes of amendments in parentheses):

Shall be known as the "Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund."

Shall be administered by five trustees of whom two shall be permanent trustees and three shall be elected for three year terms. (The names of the current trustees are listed in the membership roster under Committees.)

Nominations for the elective trust-

ees are submitted by the executive board for the annual ballot.

The trustees shall elect one of their number as treasurer. The trustees shall deposit all monies contributed to the fund in a savings bank until it totals \$5,000, then it may be invested in securities of class A rating by Moody (and stocks rated BBB or better by Fitch). All deposits, withdrawals and investments shall be made in the name of "Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund" and withdrawals shall be signed by the trustee treasurer and one of the permanent trustees. Trustees shall submit report of their activities and finances at each annual convention.

Only the "income" from said fund shall be used to pay for the scholarship awards.

The object of the scholarship fund shall be to provide an award of \$150 (now \$300) for a member who has had 200 hours or over of solo flying.

#### Scholarships

The scholarships awarded in 1941 and 1942 were contributed outside of the fund as the fund was not yet sufficient to provide the necessary income. Then World War II intervened and not until 1946 was further concentrated efforts made to build up the fund to its prescribed minimum of \$5,000. By 1947 sufficient interest from the savings deposits had accumulated to finance the third scholarship of \$150. In 1948 the award was increased to \$200 and in 1955 it was further increased to \$300. Continued generous contributions by the various Chapters and individuals and increased rate of income on investments of the fund has made the increased awards possible. The amount in the fund today represents almost in total the amount which has been contributed, and each and every dollar is earning income from

which to pay the annual awards. Expenses of administering the scholarship project has been kept to a minimum.

A scholarship has been awarded each year since 1947 and a silver anniversary scholarship was awarded in 1954 in addition to the annual scholarship. Winners of the scholarships are listed in the membership roster. The scholarship is offered to Ninety-Nine members on a competitive basis. After the applications have been processed and voted upon by the trustees, a panel of three honorary judges chosen each year from personnel prominent in the aviation field outside of the Ninety-Nine organization cast their votes to make the final decision on the winner.

In recent years, the announcement of the competition for the current scholarship has appeared in the January or February issue of the News Letter to provide sufficient time to process the applications and select the winner in time to award the scholarship at the annual convention.

#### Qualifications

In administering the scholarship project, the trustees have added to and subtracted from and amended the qualifications of applicants until it has simmered down to the following current basic requirements:

1. Active 99 member in good standing for at least TWO consecutive years prior to the opening of the current fiscal year (Sept. 1).
2. Two hundred solo hours (preferably since acquiring private rating).
3. Agree to use the rating certification or training acquired through the award for at least TWO years thereafter.
4. Annual earnings of not less than \$1,000; not more than \$3,500. If married, the husband's income and fam-



The Honorable Copa Presidente Batista of Cuba, a very generous and gracious host to all of our women pilots who were contestants in the 1956 International Air Race, Canada to Cuba.



ily status and needs will be taken into consideration also.

Originally the scholarship was limited to an instrument rating, but very soon it was expanded not only to cover any advanced flight rating, but also to embrace other possibilities in the aeronautical field such as control tower operator, meteorologist, educator, mechanic.

The Ninety-Nines can be truly proud of their "Amelia Earhart Memorial 'Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholar Scholarship.'"—Jeannette L. Sovereign, Permanent Trustee and Chairman, Board of Trustees, Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship.

## Among The International Members

Since she was 16, Mrs. Hideko Yokoyama has been a headline-maker. That year shocking many males in this man's country, she piled up enough training hours aloft and passed a rigid succession of tests to become the youngest member of the fair sex ever to win a pilot's license in Japan. She soloed neatly and gracefully cushioned an old biplane to land, the board of examiners reluctantly gave her top marks. And so her colorful career as an amateur aviatrix began, which neither war nor marriage halted. After the war's end, all Japanese pilots were grounded, but Mrs. Yokoyama was determined and with hard training became Japan's first woman to win pilot's wings since the end of the Pacific War. Her fame spread across the Pacific and a few years ago, she was invited to join the Ninety-Nines, an organization having some of the world's most distinguished lady flyers, with headquarters then in New York, now in Oklahoma City, Okla. Again she was the first Japanese to win this coveted membership this year, become the first woman of the land to fly a jet.

On the ground or off the airfield, the petite lady carries out an assortment of important jobs, always charmingly and gracefully, which is the way she flies her plane. She is a good mother and efficient business woman. With her talent as a flyer and a business woman she had long wanted to go into business — in the blue yonder. She established not long ago the Chuo Koku (Central Aviation Company) with only one light plane, a Cessna which her husband purchased for her. Surprisingly enough, this proved to be an impressive success, mapping, aerial photography and even the old publicity stunt of airdropping leaflets and handbills. Business has improved so much she plans to buy another plane for her Cruo Koku, but most of all she is a good mother, and when asked if she planned to turn her children into flyers, gave a flat "no!" "I would be so scared," she said.



By Ora Stevens

October meeting was held at the Boston City Club on the 17th with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Jerry Gardiner presented Mary Ann Lippitt with a 99 pin for the wonderful work she accomplished during her term as secretary. Jerry also introduced the guests of honor, Selma Cronan, former governor of New York-New Jersey Section, and Irene Keith, newly elected governor. Selma presented our new governor, Barbara Keirnan, with a gavel from the NY-NJ Section to carry on our future meetings. She spoke regarding 99 activities in her group and led the installation ceremonies. The new officers are: Barbara Keirnan, governor; Charlotte Kelley, vice governor; Ora Stevens, secretary, and Lois Wartman, treasurer. After the meeting, Capt. Barker, connected with the ROTC program at Northeastern University in Boston, showed two interesting colored films on instrument flying. Other guests and members attending were Mr. and Mrs. Max Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. William Seaver, Pat Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCray, Natalie Watson and Mrs. Annekath Peterson.

Mary Jeffries is flying to Des Moines, Iowa on her vacation this month and then driving on to Florida.

Charlotte Kelley returned from a trip to Bermuda and got in some wonderful flying experience while there.

Page Shamburger wants to let the girls know she has taken on a new aviation traveling job and she can be reached through her home at Page Hill, Aberdeen, N. C. Good luck with your new job.

Barbara Manchester of Hartford is now Mrs. Biederman and Phyllis Pope of S. Weymouth is now Mrs. Livermore.

Governor Barbara Keirnan has just appointed the following committee chairmen to help with the 1956-57 work in the New England Section: Nominating committee, Chris Seaver; News Letter, Pat Arnold; program committee, Sara Hayden; nominating committee, Urchil Wales; scholarship fund chairman, Mary Ann Lippitt.

The November meeting of the New England Section will be held at Providence on Saturday, the 17th, at noon. It will be strictly a business meeting with Mary Ann Lippitt making the arrangements for luncheon.

The S.M.A.L.L. Race will be September 13, 1957 into Traverse City, Mich., in connection with the Paul Bunyan Festival.



By Manila D. Talley

Just Landed — Future pilots: a son, Gerald Webster, to Alice Jean and Ted Starr; a son to Kamala and Theodore Vass, their third child.

Dates to Remember — December meeting and Christmas party at Selma Cronan's.

Lost and Found — Requests for married names and addresses of former members: Ila Fox, Marjorie Brown, Agnes Wilcox and Jean Hoyt. New members we are proud of are: Ruth Hill and Hazel Kulik. Prospective members are: Mrs. Dorothy Julick, Mrs. Doris Renninger, Julie Ancor-pora and Brunhilde Kempf.

Flight Talks — There were 36 members and guests at our October dinner at the Beaux Arts Hotel. Our guest speaker, Capt. Scott Flower, PAA engineering pilot, gave us a most interesting and informative talk on commercial jets. He made flying them sound so good that he should not be surprised to find a stack of requests for co-pilot on the first trans-Atlantic flight.

We were delighted to have Teddy Kenyon, a charter member, with us, and our beloved past president, Alice Hammond. Alice and her two lovely daughters were in the East looking over colleges. We hope it means we will see Alice often.

Marjorie Davis was also present, having just returned from Puerto Rico where she spoke at the U of PR, at Polytechnic Institute, St. German and at Ponce Univ., Ponce while there as student of ethnology.

Irene Keith gave a talk about her work as dispatcher for Pan American Airways at the WIAA, 16 Oct. '56.

Selma Cronan spoke at the New England Sectional meeting at the Boston City Club and presented an ivory gavel to the Section, properly inscribed.

Honors and Awards — Nanette M. Spears has been promoted to full colonel CAP and given command of the New Jersey Wing. We are proud of this honor she has received in recognition of her efforts in behalf of the field of aviation.

Ruth Nichols has been promoted to lieutenant colonel, New York Wing CAP, and has been setting up the medical and air-evacuation section of the New York Wing staff.

Personal Column — A number of NY-NJ 99's attended the premiere of the movie "Toward the Unknown" on Broadway. Barbara Evans and Ruth Nichols were interviewed before curtain time.

Ruth Hamilton, former New England



Section governor, has been visiting Marjorie Davis.

Genni B. Roche, enroute from Australia to England, visited Kay Brick and attended a progressive group of parties and get-together meetings with 99's at the airport, the Kitty Hawk room, Wings Club, Empire State Observation Lounge and at the premiere of "Toward the Unknown."

Miriam Crocker fulfilled a life ambition to fly on her 70th birthday and attended the October dinner also.

Small World Department — During my year and a half abroad, I visited 19 countries and at a dinner last March in Karachi, Pakistan, the lady next to me asked if I knew Mrs. Rough. I replied that I had raced against Helen McCloskey Rough, a former 99, in 1933. Helen had been her dinner guest two days before. On a return flight, in a C-54, from Asmara Eritrea to Cairo, Egypt, an engineer sitting next to me saw my 99 pin and said, "My wife was a charter member of 99. She is Thelma Burleigh." Don't forget to wear that pin.

Help Wanted — Airline pilot (female). Sunday New York Times. I called and its for co-pilot DC-3 type, non-scheduled run, multi-engine required. Instructors are also wanted here.



#### WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Virginia L. Thompson

The chatter flew on Oct. 12, between bites of ice cream and delicious sponge cake served by our hostess, Nancy Tier.

Mitzie Moore, with the help of her daughter, Cortney (a future "99'er"), Blanche Noyes, Nancy Tier, Betty Fisher, Dorothy Mitchell, Hazel Dwiggins, Daisy Vaughan, Ann Ash, Marilyn Link and Virginia Thompson, put the finishing touches on plans for our big Middle Eastern Sectional Meeting on Oct. 27 and 28.

The other big item of business was determining "Whose Who" for the coming year. Mitzie Moore is once again Chief Pilot; Virginia Thompson, Co-Pilot; Hazel Dwiggins, Keeper of Log Books; and Eleanor Davis, Flight Engineer in Charge of Finances. Last year's Flight Crew: Mitzie Moore, Jean Howard, Betty Fisher and Dorothy Mitchell turned in a 4.0 performance, a high target for the new crew to shoot.

This put the mixture in idle cut-off for the evening.

Jean Howard, Fran Nolde and Blanche Noyes reported wonderful speakers and a grand time at the 25th Anniversary of State Aviation Officials, Lake Placid, N. Y., on Oct. 1, 2, and

3. Blanche then winged her way northward to Montreal to attend the International Civil Aviation Organization Meeting.

Mitzie Moore put in a good word for the "9" while acting as one of the Panelists on the County Airport Commission which met in Baltimore, Md., Oct. 13.

Hot off the Press — a new aircraft book at the Smithsonian Institute. It is entitled, "National Aeronautical Collections." Marilyn Link recommends it highly so you know it is good. Cost — a mere \$1.50.

Several Ohioans have recently flown in to see our beautiful state and renew old friendships. Jean Bonar and Doc, winged their way here to visit Ann Ash and family as did Mary Gorman and Jim. Ann still has a soft spot in her heart for her former Ohio Chapter. We are mighty happy to have her with us.

Jean Howard is still galivanting around. This time to the Western Forum of the American Helicopter Society in Dallas on Oct. 2, 8 and 9. She was delighted to see Dorothy Young, a "99'er" and also a "Whirly Girl" from Denver. Getting float time in a helicopter was a big thrill for Jean.

Good news — Mai Casey and her "49½'er", Minister for External Affairs in Australia, will be in Washington, D. C., on Nov. 7 through 10.

Our Alaska traveling Geologists, Florence Robinson and Florence Rucker, have returned with interesting tales and many beautiful movies of their picturesque trip. They spent two weeks flying over parts of the United States and Canada to Lake Minchumina, located about 150 miles southwest of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Their project, believe it or not, was to study sand dunes over an area 100 miles long by 50 miles wide in Alaska. They sound like "wrong way Corrigan's" to me. Nevertheless, with excitement high and the throttle full on, their Super Cub seaplane lifted itself gracefully from the Potomac River and headed northwestward. After passing through Canadian Customs at Crane Lake, they continued to wing their way through Canada, flying over Lake of the Woods and Lac du Bonnet to Norway House, a historical old Hudson's Bay Co. Post. At Lac La Ronge, the wind was blowing so hard they went in circles trying to get their seaplane to dock. They finally sailed in backwards as did the local Bush Pilot.

At Ft. McMurray, the jumping off place for the north, they visited the famous tar sands (sandstone formation impregnated with asphalt). The sands were interesting but the town was knee deep in mud. Ft. Chipewyan was another old historical Post visited. It was from here that MacKen-

zie started his trip down the river named after him in 1789. At Ft. Smith, they landed at the foot of some rapids in the Slave River which flows along at 12 mph. Florence Rucker really had to grab the dock here. Then on through buffalo and a lot of bush country to Yellowknife, a modern town similar but not as large as Fairbanks. Modern conveniences were a delight. A bath tub a heavenly sight.

At Norman Wells, site of the Canol oil fields, Florence Robinson got her "dignity" a bit wet when she fell into the lake as they attempted to dock. While spending the night at Ft. Good Hope, they along with approximately 50 Indians saw an old western movie in the local school house. Here the men sat in front, the women in back. This village also has a 100 year old Catholic church which has many paintings and decorations by the old fathers who had used fish oil to mix their paints.

Two days were spent at Aklavik, Canada, the metropolis of the north. Their northernmost point was a round trip to Tuktoyaktuk (Port Brabant) on the Arctic Ocean where they landed the first day of the season that the ice was off shore. This is located 100 miles northeast of Aklavik. After crossing the Richardson Mts. to the west, they went through customs at Old Crow. Fairbanks was indeed a welcome sight. Their cabin gave a gorgeous view of Mt. McKinley. Their neighbor (unusual to have one in that country) had even planted a garden for them.

To add further to the enjoyment of their trip, they had an opportunity to try another mode of flying — a helicopter ride.

All in all, they flew around 150 hours in their seaplane and landed on some 30 or 40 lakes around Lake Minchumina.

They are thoroughly sold on Alaska, having just previously spent five years there, and hope to return next summer. Since Alaska's "cold storage" is less damaging to airplanes than our delightful weather, "Old Faithful" was securely tied down and given a fond pat before they boarded a Pan American Clipper on Oct. 2nd for the states. For excitement and beauty, they feel there is no place like Alaska. Care to try it?

What flying machine made its first public demonstration here in Washington recently that has never been flown by a woman? For the answer come to our next Chapter Meeting at Marilyn Link's apartment on Nov. 16.

Weather may sometimes ground our air minded girls, but never let it be said that it stopped them. Nine states were represented at the Middle Eastern Sectional Meeting on Oct. 27th at



the DuPont Plaza Hotel in Washington, D. C.

Following the luncheon, our governor, Ada Mitchell, presided at the business meeting and introduced all distinguished guests: Edna Gardner Whyte, International President; Broneta Davis, International Vice President; Louise Smith and Barbara Evans, Members of the Board; Kay Brick and Blanche Noyes, Past International Presidents; Nancy Tier, Charter Member; Margaret Callaway, Chairman-Philadelphia Chapter; Marilyn Collett, Chairman-All Ohio Chapter; "Mitzie" Moore, Chairman-Washington, D. C. Chapter and visiting guests. Jean McKaig, our new Sectional Secretary - Treasurer, was kept quite busy recording a very constructive and interesting business meeting. Marilyn Collette cordially invited our Section to join their spring Ohio Sectional Meeting in Akron on April 26, 27 and 28. With such an interesting program and wonderful opportunity to meet others, who could resist.

In speaking before this group and their guests at the evening banquet, Mr. James Pyle, Acting Administrator, C. A. A., told how our organization has a part to play in helping to solve the Problems of Traffic Control. He spoke of the tremendous growth, utilization, traffic control centers and national defense. In 1955, we had a total of two million personal flying hours. In 1965, this figure is expected to rise to 2,750,000; 1970, 3,500,000 while the military will probably reach 15 million flying hours by 1965. All of this means problems in: communication, inadequate equipment, high altitude control, airport and transoceanic problems. However, the future picture of aviation is not really a black one for there are many sources of help: radar, Air Defense Command, closed circuit TV, radar safety signals, peripheral communication, assigning individual frequencies, automation and high speed airport terminals. In closing, he urged the active support of all aviation groups since only through an energetic and unified action can a solution be found to the problems that face all aviation air traffic control.

His remarks were preceded by the introduction of distinguished visitors by the mistress of ceremonies, Blanche Noyes. They included besides the above mentioned: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Platt, Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp.; Col. and Mrs. Paul Fonda, wing commander of Maryland CAP; Mrs. Pyle, wife of our speaker; Joe Geuting, manager, Utility Airplane Council; Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hoagland, aviation editor of Associated Press; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hogan, assistant director of Air Force Association; and Joanne Alford, Miss Air Power for 1956, who hopes to interest the youth of America in aviation, either in flying or engineering. She is leaving on a

six month's speaking tour to various high schools in 27 states. Our chapter was very happy to welcome her as a new member of the 99 organization and our chapter.

All present appreciated the kindness of the manufacturers who participated in the program: Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp. for the nice cocktail party, and gifts from Butler Aviation, Capitol Airlines Inc., Eastern Air Lines Inc., Colonial Division, Trans World Airlines Inc., and Braniff International Airlines.

"Mitzie" Moore, chapter chairman, and various members helped to make this a memorable occasion for all.

On Sunday, many enjoyed the interesting and historical places in and around Washington.

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Peggy Borek

The Middle East sectional in Washington, D. C. accomplished an excellent business meeting, a pleasant social, and the always happy occasion of visiting fellow 99's. Ada Mitchell, new governor, presided. Edna Gardner Whyte, Broneta Davis and Louise Smith got as far as Anderson, S. C., in a 170 when weather forced them to entrain. Kay Brick and Barbara Evans came down from New York. Members of the All Ohio Chapter came to invite us to a combined Middle East-North Central Section meeting in Akron, Ohio next April. The rest wandered in from Pennsylvania, Virginia, and, of course Washington itself.

Margaret Callaway outlined plans for the 1957 TAR terminus in Philadelphia. Jean Ross Howard suggested rounding up ex-WASPS for 99 membership. Betty Warren announced that Pittsburgh wants to be the TAR terminus in 1959 in conjunction with their centennial celebration.

Edna always makes you feel as though the 99's are her special charge and she intends to take good care of us. She is anxious to make certain reading material available to us, with board approval, without releasing our membership list. She wants us to be constantly abreast of the latest aeronautical information. She has good suggestions for making the News Letter even more interesting. In our "shy" little way we stated that sometimes it does rather read like a menu. I've concluded that flying people are the eatinest people anywhere.

Had a fascinating talk with Nancy Tier, who learned to fly when there weren't any brakes, enclosed cockpits, instruments or other trivia like such. She told of having to land every few minutes until the engine cooled; of climbing out to jump when she couldn't pull out of a flat spin only to have her shifted position change the balance and right the plane at something like 200 feet; and of sending a telegram to Mr. Tier which read: "De-

layed, street being repaired," instead of "strut being repaired." I could only say that the early birds certainly overworked their guardian angels.

George Beckwith, an airport chum, and I managed to steal the Aeronca at North Philadelphia Airport last week only to get a white light at the end of the runway because the student had finally arrived. Though instructor Bill Kinkle foiled our first attempt, we managed to run off with the plane a few minutes before sunset — enough time for each of us to get a landing in. I flew from the back seat and landed in the best grasshopper fashion. But it occurs to me that you should be able to fly from front seat, back seat, inside out or upside down if you're any good at all. It's important to fly at least once a week or the rust gathers and you're bound to give an amazingly poor demonstration or else come down with a thud, neither of which is to be recommended.



### ALABAMA CHAPTER

By Meredith Ward

We meet on the third Sunday of each month. In October we met at the Birmingham Municipal Airport, and as the guests of Central Aviation, Inc., we saw a private showing of a colored movie "Wings of Adventure." This was a beautifully done "documentary" of the ferry flight of a Piper Apache to Pretoria, South Africa from Lockhaven, Pa. Pug and Bill Piper made the flight.

Additional announcements and information growing out of this meeting contained the following assortment of facts—Elizabeth Wade could not attend because this was her wedding day. Her mother, Minnie (also a 99 member, you know) couldn't be with us either.

### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Georgiana McConnell

The officers of the Southeastern Section were omitted last time. Congratulations to Burnette Spencer, governor; Verna Burke, vice governor, and Betty McNabb, secretary-treasurer. Let's give these fine officers our full support.

Our Evelyn Bryan is a busy gal. Before we can get her latest rating published she has another. Congratulations on the instrument rating, multi-engine rating and being promoted to major in the CAP as the flying safety officer for Tennessee Group IV. We are all very proud of Evelyn.

The Hilberts, Jane and Louis, flew to Colorado in their Bonanza in late August. Hear that they had a wonder-



ful time touring the state in a friend's car.

The Chattanooga girls will hostess our October meeting.

### CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Nancy Mayes

The Carolinas Chapter held its fall meeting October 7 with Betty and Jim Hamilton at their Flying H farm in Charlotte, N. C. Estelle Bradshaw, Caroline Hembel, Nita Hudman, Edith Long, Nancy Mayes, Sara Shonk, and Louise Smith were there. Betty served a delicious buffet luncheon.

The business meeting followed. A report was given on the national convention and TAR. New Carolinas Chapter officers were announced. Sara Shonk, chairman; Nancy Mayes, vice chairman; and Maxine Walker, secretary-treasurer.

Much of the business consisted of presentation and discussion of future plans and projects.

We will have a fly-in at Columbia Municipal Airport November 4 at 1 a.m. with an alternate rain date of November 11.



### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Elsie Ferich

In spite of a fickle cross wind and gusty skyways, the Michigan Chapter was well represented at the October meeting. The trip to Grand Haven was a proverbial rainbow of autumn colors. Our charming hostess was Mary Creason, and her 49½, Bill, was there to chauffeur us to a tasty breakfast of ham and eggs and all the fixings. It was just the perfect touch after the sky-line ride!

We Michiganders are out to build up our membership, and some new faces were present. Mary Creason brought Betty (Parmentier) Bytwerk, a former member, and Alice Hammond introduced Betty Crook and Julia McPherson. Helen Wetherill brought Ruth O'Euck; Leah Higgins, Alice Davis and yours truly brought Pat Edge. With the interest the gals showed, I think it is just a matter of time before we add their names to our roll. We are happy to welcome back Sue Hickman and Juanita Berry, two former members.

Congratulations to Eloise Smith, our international secretary, and Becky Thatcher, our governor of the North Central Section. We are mighty proud to have them represent us. Alice Hammond reported speaking at the October meeting of the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Women's group on the AWTAR and IAR and Janey Hart flew the entire length of our state twice in one week. Good public rela-

tions such as these make more 99's. Nancy LaFarge become the bride of Dean A. Brandon on October 12 at Angola, Ind. We hope their jaunt to Georgia is only temporary and they will soon be attending our meetings in Michigan again.

### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Adela R. Scharr

Please share with me an admiration for this zealous chapter, whose buoyancy keeps it vigorously active in the air. With so many members bobbing about, it's difficult to analyze what yeast was added to the lethargic chapter of six years ago. Visible results show many new members and a fleet of airplanes.

Greater St. Louis has spread its influence. The September meeting was at DeSoto; November will be on 10th at Columbia on Ken Newland's invitation to meet the Stephens College fledglings.

This is a report on the October 6th meeting at Jefferson City. Amy Summers met everyone at the airport, proudly demonstrating her new Lincoln, carrying us to the hotel where we ate luncheon with members of the Missouri Pilots' Association, also meeting there.

Who came? Sylvia Blom, Mickey Clark, Virginia Duenke, June Evers, Erma Jacob, Ruth Lake, Jay Lawrence, Maxine Loeffler, Dorothy Rumsey, Marjorie Schaeffer, Adela Scharr, Loretta Slavik, Amy Summers, Dorothy Wheeler, and Dolores Whelan.

Business? Serious — the National Aero Trade Association meets in St. Louis on November 3 and some 99's will attend the luncheon. Members told their accomplishments for points toward winning the chapter annual achievement award. The financial status of the chapter's Dorothy Condon Memorial Fund was reviewed. Since Mickey Clark made the best score in AWTAR, she got the annual award of \$50.

Cheerful — Amy is swooshing to Minnesota before she and Doc are enroute to Texas Air Tour. Erma and G. J. are TATING also. Mickey and Paul, in latter part of October, will fly to Arizona, California, Seattle and return. Dorothy (last year's chairman stamped as renewal) is flying a Cessna 140 now. Her 120, minding its own business in a hanger, was battered in a windstorm, so Dot has a new interest.

Anxious note — Rae Logsdon in Jewish Hospital.

### INDIANA CHAPTER

By Jane E. Ackors

The October meeting was held at the beautiful new split-level terminal in Indianapolis on the 14th and 15 members turned out for the occasion. Following the business meeting and luncheon, we were welcomed by Col. Philip Roettger, superintendent of the

field, and then taken on a tour which was most impressive.

The Indiana girls have been getting around a bit. Joan Ferguson, Mildred Hurt, and Jane and George Ackors attended the sectional meeting in Minnesota and our thanks to the chapter for a wonderful time. Esther Burner and Tannie Schlundt flew to Colorado and later Esther and her 49½er went to New York and Tannie and her 49½er flew to Wisconsin for a weekend. Mildred Hurt and her 49½er flew to Arizona and thence to Mexico for a vacation, and Betty Nicholas made a trip to New Jersey to bring back her mother for a visit. Jane Simmons also went to New York and had quite a ride in a helicopter, window-peeking at the UN. Rae Cawdeil had an equally thrilling ride in the much-publicized helioplane and Jane Ackors and her 49½er are quite happily settled in their new home. We have three new brides in the chapter: Mary Sprenger Wise, Lucy Williams Wilhite and Ruth Dinsmore Warner. Our congratulations and best wishes for their happiness.

Our new officers for the coming year are: Tannie Schlundt, chairman; Joan Ferguson, vice chairman, and Ethel Knuth, secretary. Congratulations and lots of luck, gals.

### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Betty Wertz

The North Central sectional will be held in Akron, April 26, 27 and 28. Lots of interesting entertainment is being lined up so everyone plan to attend. Any 99 in the area is cordially invited to attend.

We finally had beautiful flying weather for our October meeting at Miller Field. There were 22 members and 18 guests present. Our hostesses, Martha Wilcox, Helen Ailes and Alice Schlott, had a lovely lunch and program. Our new officers: chairman, Jean Bonar; vice chairman, Ione Kiplinger; secretary-treasurer, Edith Maxim, conducted the meeting.

We congratulate the following: Joan Hrubec on her election to secretary of the North Central Section; Helen Wiedwald and her prospective 99 on October 14; Mary Scheaffer on her private license; Bonnie Butler for her commercial; Martha Wilcox for checking out in a Cessna 195; and Rosalie Bracht for new home.

Jody and Drexel Scott flew to Oklahoma City for the National Air Show. Jody has been on the Youngstown radio talking for the 99's. Ione Kiplinger is to have a TV appearance in Toledo concerning her AWTAR experience. Our 99's are getting lots of publicity. Ruth Gunther has been doing some night flying. Meg Berning and her husband now have a Cessna 170. Meg is now publisher and editor of the Greater Cincinnati Airmens News. Edith Friedrich is corresponding secretary. The club recently had



Cub Scout Day, taking the scouts and their parents for rides. They are always busy doing things in Cincy.

The Wertz' have sold their Stinson and don't know what they will be flying in the future. Bette Ingwer has been enjoying their 172 flying into Miller Field and Mansfield with the nice long (???) runways. Joan Hrubec and Eddie Maxim have been in Mansfield frequently for visits. Jean and Doctor Bonar keep up their flying hours with trips to various medical meetings, sectionals, etc. Marge Gorman and 49½'er spent some time in northern Michigan. Sophia Payton and 49½'er (captain with Lake Central) are now living in Lima. We hope it will be permanent so Sophia can transfer from the Indiana Chapter back to the All-Ohio. We are looking forward to seeing her at our meetings. She and her husband have just finished recovering the wings of their bi-plane and are ready for engine and assembly. Rosalie Bracht had quite an experience getting home from the Chagrin Falls meeting. She flew in a 170 to the meeting, then in a Tri-Pacer from Chagrin Falls to Copley then an Aircoupe on to Akron.

#### **CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER** **By Leah Warren**

Our meeting is so late in the month we have to dash for deadline. Will we make it? More details on our members next month. Food with friends was our topic this time at the Paradise Inn Motel near Champaign, Ill. Dora Dougherty as hostess and guide took us over the 1956 AWTAR route and with help from Helen Grienke gave us highlights of the jaunt. It should have been sung to the "Ladies from 49 Planes." Know we would all have loved to be there and increased the number to a hundred. Time to start thinking of next year and how we can help make it a bigger and better-known race.

December 1 is the next meeting date. Hotel Rogers in Bloomington, Ill., with Helen Grienke as hostess, will be the place and 6:30 the time. With only five members and three prospective members present this time we can surely improve.

Our secretary, Florence Musser, has been to surgery and is about ready to go home. So glad for we really miss her. She really keeps us all in touch with each other and events of major importance to us.

#### **MINNESOTA CHAPTER** **By Marietta Sonnenberg**

The Minnesota girls in reminiscing about the North Central sectional they hosted in September and in checking over accounts, found they have a healthy treasury left despite all the expenses, so they voted not to accept the \$25 offered by the section for the meeting.

Present at the October business meeting at the home of Helen and

George Masterton in Minneapolis were Audrey Baird, Jane White, Margaret Campbell, Tamie Olsen, Dorothy Anderson, Florence Scriver, Shirley Iverson, Marian Radke, Laura Black, Helen and Marietta.

Jane handled her first meeting as chairman and very well indeed. She named the following as activity heads: Margaret C., membership; Marian, scrapbook; Florence, civil defense, and Marietta, News Letter. Also a major project for the chapter for the coming year was decided on — maintaining a concession at the annual Minneapolis Air Fair. It was the last meeting for Dorothy before she moved to Chicago and the gang presented her with one of the lovely 99 compacts. She was really thrilled with it and we know the Chicago Area Chapter will welcome this good 99'er with open arms. Now we have to worry about losing Audrey soon to the "wilds" of North Dakota, but hope she'll be able to hop over for meetings now and then.

The November session will have been held by the time this is published. Jeanne and Chuck Scheffley were the hosts at their lovely home in Rochester.

Several members promised to write the Postmaster General to urge him to issue a stamp commemorating Amelia Earhart. Jane, Audrey, Shirley and Margaret were scheduled to fly down in Jane's 310 for the air meet at DuPage County Airport, Ill. I had planned to go along, as I used to report for the Elmhurst, Villa Park, Lombard and DuPage County newspapers and would like to see the old stomping grounds again, but a North Central Circulation Managers convention kept me in Rochester.

Happy words from former good Minnesota member, Dawn Arcand, who is married and settled down out West now. That's 30 for now.

#### **UPPER IOWA CHAPTER** **By Helen Flaherty**

Marie Blank was hostess to the 99's on Sunday, Oct. 21, at a noon luncheon, at the airport in Mason City. A short business meeting was held and a discussion was held about holding a joint Christmas party together with the Iowa Chapter in December. Members present were Jack and Bunny Wilson, Bob and Maggie Adkins, Kitty Hach and two sons, Darrell Place and Betty Barton, and Marie Blank. We were sorry to hear that Ruth Schleusner will not be renewing her membership this coming year. A former member of the Upper Iowa Chapter, Mrs. Wyn Eno, has given her beautiful 99 pin to Helen Flaherty. Wyn said that since she is no longer active in flying, she wanted someone to have it and wear it who was still flying. A vote of thanks to Wyn for her goodness and thoughtfulness and I will do my best to be worthy of such kindness. The November meeting will be with Vir-

ginia Koestner, Duncombe, Iowa.

#### **CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER** **By Dorothy Vachout**

Our big news this month is our annual airmeet. It was held on October 14 at DuPage Co. Airport. The weather was good except for some wind. Our luck held until the afternoon, when a slight rain shower sent everyone scurrying for shelter. Activities resumed quickly as the shower was a very short one. This year we had a record crowd of spectators which made us all very happy. Deedo Heise from Wisconsin, Jane White, Margaret Campbell, Pat Gjorvad, Audrey Baird, and Shirley Iverson (all of Minnesota) came to join us. The Minnesota girls came in Jane White's Cessna 310. It is a beauty! We were also glad to have Jessie Gronowski, Betty Morgan and Kay Ferris with us. Haven't seen them in a long time.

Congratulations to all the winners! Here they are and the events they won: Eva White and co-pilot Kitty Hawk (her Cocker Spaniel and good luck charm), first X-C race; Shirley Iverson and co-pilot Margaret Campbell, second, X-C race; Donna Giles, first, private pilot spot landing; Helen O'Hara, second, private pilot spot landing; Doris Langher, first, commercial pilot spot landing; Bea Siemon, second, commercial pilot spot landing; team of Sylvia Roth and Lois Cassidy, first, bomb dropping; team of Carol Cooper and Glorya Laukis, second, bomb dropping; Leonard Price, 49½'er spot landing; Jane White, sportsmanship trophy; Donna Giles, outstanding private pilot; Doris Langher, outstanding commercial pilot. The floating trophy was awarded to Donna Giles. All the girls who entered all the events, but did not win, were given their choice of silver or gold 99 charm bracelets. Bill Donahue of DuPage Airport awarded the trophies. When they all were distributed, Marge Raglin presented him with one that said "Thanks, Bill." Our way of showing our appreciation of the many things he has done for us. The spectacular event of the day was Mike Burson's parachute jump from a 170 piloted by Sylvia Roth. Mike is Gean Burson's 49½'er. Everyone was breathless till he landed safely.

Sorry that Irene Leverton was unable to attend the airmeet this year. She is kept very busy in her new position as co-pilot on DC-3's for General Airways, Inc. Congratulations, Irene, and good luck!

#### **WISCONSIN CHAPTER** **By Bernie Voelker**

The October meeting of the Wisconsin Chapter of 99's was held on Sunday, the 21st, at Truax Field, Madison. Miss Bernie Voelker of Sun Prairie was the hostess. A total of nine women pilots attended of which seven were 99's with Mary Seymour and Jeanette Herling getting their papers filled in to



become 99's. Mary received her license in September and Jeanette in July.

The highlight of the meeting was a tour of the CAA control tower at Truax, conducted by chief controller, Mr. Prichard. After the tour, a business meeting was held in the office of the airport manager, Robert Skuldt. The new Wisconsin Chapter officers are as follows: Mrs. Irene Moore of Delavan, chairman; Mrs. Gertrude Faust of East Troy, vice chairman; Mrs. Avis Peterson of Baraboo, secretary, and Mrs. Elaine Francke of Milwaukee, treasurer. Those attending from Milwaukee were Deedo Heise, Elsie Peters, Dora Fritzke, Elaine Francke, and Genevieve Sharp. From Delavan came Irene Moore, our new chairman, and Mary Seymour and Jeannette Herling from Madison. A door prize was given by Bernie and guess who won it (remember this was a meeting of women pilots), our male guest, Mr. L. Prichard.

#### **GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER** **By Mariory Farrell**

Our September meeting at Betty Siggs' lovely home was well attended, and a delicious meal was savored by all. After the very good dinner, a brief business meeting was held by our chairman, Sarah Gorelick. It was suggested by Betty Siggs that our chapter give support to the new psychiatric receiving center being established in one of Kansas City's children's homes; as a consequence of this suggestion, we will endeavor to provide some equipment for the center.

Dee Southard flew to the CAP SARCAP at Cape Girardeau recently, one of the two women pilots there! She has gone on Wing Staff—is now a major.

Mary Ruth Dietrich has been busily promoting aviation at Kansas Medical Center. She has thus far talked a doctor into the air, and five solo hours, and is currently working on the launching into the air one or two potential 99's. She has two nurses poised to take wing, just needs to give one more delicate push!

Joan Cayot is busy taking courses at evening school.

Your reporter had a wonderful flight to Cheyenne, Salt Lake City and Las Vegas recently. My first taste of mountain flying — and I like it. Too soon back to work!



#### **KANSAS CHAPTER** **By Lois Dobbin**

The \$300 flight scholarship from the Bobbe Slade Memorial Fund was won

by Ann Clark of Garden City, Kan. Ann is 16 years old, has had two years in Wing Scouting and has her silver wings; she submitted the winning essay on "Why I want to Learn to Fly." The plaque award presentation was made in Wichita, October 28, by Kansas chairman, Lois Dobbin. All five applicants received lovely identification bracelets. Special guests were Mrs. Hamilton (mother of the late Bobbe Slade), Hazel Jacks, leader of air age education, and Wing Scout troops from Wichita and Garden City. Anne Waddell and Lucile Dienst flew the Garden City Wing Scouts to Wichita. Upon returning to Garden City, the winner, Ann Clark, was met by the mayor and chamber of commerce who presented her with a bouquet of roses. A reception at the Girl Scout cabin followed. Ann is eager to start flying, and we know she will be a credit to Wing Scouting. We are real pleased to present this first flight scholarship ever awarded to a girl teenager in Kansas. We hope it is "only the beginning" and that many more will follow.

October meeting was held at Great Bend, where an airmarker was painted in record time. First clouds we have seen in Kansas for 60 days appeared the day of our meeting, however, five airplanes appeared from all over the state, and we had a real enjoyable day. Had so many people painting we couldn't get it laid out fast enough—but that is the way we like it. Those attending were Marie Engleman, Nina Montgomery, Anne Waddell, Lucile Dienst, Julie Snowhill, Dorothy Speer, Margaret Yourdon, Lois Dobbin and Phila Knitig.

#### **TEXAS CHAPTER** **By Ruby Hays**

As pinch hitter reporter, I'll try to let everyone know what the Texas Chapter has been doing. We have been very busy with elections, babies and new units! Our fall state meeting was held in Midland with a group of prospective 99's as hostesses. Only two of the group are 99's, and they really put on a lovely convention. They have a wonderful group of women pilots there and you will be hearing more about them soon.

Our new officers are: Ardath McCreery, chairman; Louise Clarkson, vice chairman; Anne Duthie, secretary-treasurer, and Cornelia Davis, membership.

We attended the first meeting of the new Abilene Unit. Ruth Deerman, Ouida Parkins, Ruby Hays and Anne Duthie from El Paso and Ama Lee Jameson and Cornelia Davis from Del Rio attended. Marian Lippott is the first chairman of the Abilene Unit. They have a potential of 25 prospective 99's in that area. Our best wishes to those girls.

Ama Lee presented the Texas Chapter with a die to use for printing our

official stationery. We all started for home adorned with a beautiful blue and white 99's corsage, presented by the Abilene girls, of course. At the rate our Texas Chapter is growing, our membership chairman, Cornelia Davis, will have a busy time.

Last Saturday the El Paso Unit flew to Las Cruces, the Albuquerque Unit flew down, and we had a wonderful joint meeting at the home of Iela Carwardine.

#### **EL PASO UNIT** **By Doris Hurt Powers**

Again we have had two meetings in the last month. On the 6th we had a meeting at the International Airport to discuss our plans for another airport day and to assign someone to take the Girl Wing Scouts on a tour of the airport. We are sponsoring this group and some of our girls will do the teaching and others will participate in things such as the airport tour. Ruth Deerman and Ruby Hays are the tour leaders and will set up their own time with the scouts. These are our future 99's, so make it good.

Ruth Deerman, our sectional governor, explained the point system on our new contest for this year. It is a trophy awarded to the 99 who has compiled the most points between October 1, 1956 and March 15, 1957. Points are given for meetings attended, airmarking, winning a flying contest, search and rescue, new ratings, landing at new airports, publicity and talks and lectures. Also the unit or chapter having the largest number of members participating in the contest will receive a cash bonus. It sounds like a wonderful idea to stimulate member participation and a good idea should always be passed on.

On Saturday, Oct. 20, we had a joint meeting with the Albuquerque girls at Lela Carwardine's lovely home in Las Cruces, N. M. From El Paso we had Lois Hailey, Ann Duthie, Ruby Hays, Ruth Deerman, Joy Chisolm, Delo Gerardi, a new member and Ouida Parkins as a guest. There were three planes from Albuquerque with seven of their members attending. Thanks you for the lovely luncheon and fine hospitality, Lela.

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI UNIT** **By Elaine Needham**

Five of us 99's from Corpus (Louise Clarkson, Pauline Glasson, Veta Tennent, Merle Dunn and Elaine Needham) drove like crazy pilots down to quaint McAllen for a very profitable meeting with Helen Disney, Ardath McCreery and Sidney Smalridge. We're really planning and scheming for money-raising ideas, cute tricks and anything unusual for a never-to-be-forgotten super convention in McAllen, Texas for 1957.

Above the clatter, squee-ratch and drip, drip of beloved rain and some hail stones, we managed to elect a



new officer — me — latest News Letter scribe.

Pauline Glassen is our airmarking chairman again this year. The glint shining in those eyes spell out only one thing — gals, get ready for more blistered hands, black and blue knees and black and yellow paint — we're in for a record-breaking airmarking year.

Along with us on this trip was a future 99 (we break them in early, you know) Rookie Tromm, a native of Holland, soloed recently under the watchful eye of Pauline Glassen. Making her home in Corpus Christi along with parents and three brothers, Rookie is fast becoming an aviation enthusiast and loyal Texan — drawl and all. A good combination don't you think?

Helen Disney flew into Corpus on a race from McAllen to Cotulla. It was a nice rest-stop, as about 40 more people seemed reluctant to leave the cool breezy hanger, coffee and Cokes when time came to race off.

Pauline Glassen and her team came in first place this year — national pistol shooting. One better over last year's second place. Pretty fancy pants shootin, I would say.

### COLORADO CHAPTER

By Alice S. Fuchs

Colorado members have been hit by the travel bug. Most exciting trip by any of our members was Thelma Thomas' European tour. She flew to Scotland and from there branched out to the Scandinavian countries, France, England and Russia. We're looking forward to seeing pictures of the trip at our next meeting.

Verna Christopher leaves for Nassau on November 1 via BOAC on a trip which she won from Continental Airlines (her employer).

The Chouns and Teppers recently attended a Shrine Patrol conference in Kansas City, with Ed and Joe participating in the parade in their "Cub Scooters."

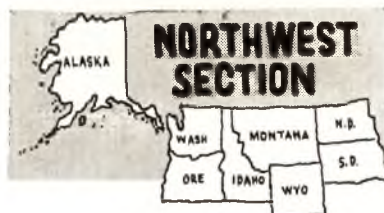
Dot and Paul Young attended the helicopter forum in Dallas on October 7, 8 and 9, where Paul presented a paper on "High Altitude Helicopter Operations."

Darlene and Fred Gray will be off to La Junta soon and thence to Nebraska to demonstrate the Mooney.

Marilyn and Harold Nordstrom spent the weekend at the Broadmoor at Colorado Springs recently — celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary.

To replenish the treasury, Colorado members staged an October rummage sale that netted \$60. Dinner for our October meeting was provided by Pat Urling, wherefore each member present contributed the price of the meal to the treasury — with a total intake of \$31.

We're sorry to lose our military member, Capt. Phyllis Johnson, who is being transferred to California.



### ALASKA CHAPTER

By Lois Wise

We missed the September publication but want to include a little from that meeting.

Aileen Saunders from San Diego met with us at our September meeting, held at Doll Booth's home. Aileen and her husband flew a plane up the highway and have joined the ranks of the "Alkan Flyers," a non-profit organization.

Doll recounted her experiences in flying over the glaciers between Seward and Whittier. That area is marked by its high glacier fields descending rapidly to low land or water and is interesting not only for the scenery but also for the air currents. Helen Snyder had a trip to Talkeetna in her Tri-Pacer, and of course, Carole Gillespie with her instructing and C-46 supply line traveling, has been all over the skies.

Our October meeting was at Pat McGee's home in Turnagin-By-The-Sea. Rene Neilsen got down from Palmer, and with Marion Zaegel discussed much about log cabin building, re-roofing, and fire wood gathering — building in general is always a good subject for discussion in this country.

Carole returned over the highway the last week in September with her plane from Seattle and added her stories of the flight and terrain to the long list from the Alkan Flyers. It's so easy and pleasant to re-fly the route while sitting comfortably in an upholstered chair. We all thoroughly enjoyed the flight.

We also discussed the possibility of entering a float in the Fur Rendezvous next February; the possibility of having a dinner meeting at Rabbit Creek Inn; and ended the evening with an invitation to hold our next meeting at Lorraine Eriksson's home.

### IDAHO CHAPTER

By Margaret E. Gigray

It was guest night at the October 16 meeting of the Idaho 99's at Bradley Field Lounge. Leah Liersch, Boise CAA control tower operator and a 99, spoke about her work and gave some excellent pointers on flying from a controlled airport. Ninety-Nines present included Doris Atkinson, Eula Logsdon, Barbara Hornback, Catherine Peckley, Margaret Gigray, Edna Hettinger, Fran Brown, Clair Justad, Laura Conner, Jean Keith, Georgia Myers, Joyce Morcom, Millie Shinn, Helen Higby, Cleone Berry, and potential Jeanette Hopkins, who has just turned in an application for membership.

Guests included Mariane Carver of the Idaho Department of Aeronautics, Darlene Boyce, Mae Eason, Madge Peterson, Helen Michlik, Agnes Hamilton and Dorothy Clvburn. All members wore their white blouses with 99 insignia, and pictures were taken of the group for 99 national headquarters at their request.

Helen Higby presented information regarding the possible formation of a Wing Scout group.

Secretary Barbara Hornback reported that our director of aeronautics, Chet Moulton, was still receiving congratulatory letters on the participation of the 99's in the International Northwest Aviation Council convention last September.

Jeanette Hopkins, our newest applicant for 99 membership is the daughter of CAA Safety Agent Jerry Hopkins (who incidentally gave this reporter her check flight prior to receiving her commercial license). Jeanette received her private license the 13th of August and logs time now regularly in a Cessna 140. She is one of the youngest pilots in Idaho.

### WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Mildred Mandeville

The October meeting, held in the Skyroom, Boeing Field, on the 15th, was presided over by our new chairman, Melba Owen. A rummage sale to raise money was discussed and it was decided to have it in West Seattle some time in early December. A Christmas dinner-dance was also agreed upon with the date to be determined at our next meeting.

Two new members, Mildred Pearson from Everett and Bonny Berger from Seattle, were present. Mildred owns a PA12 which she keeps at Paine Field. Bonny's Cessna is kept at Renton Airport.

Movies and 35mm slides of the Lipstick Derby will be shown at our next meeting to be held at the same place on November 19.

It was a girl for Mickey Gillman. Now she has three future 99'ers.

### MONTANA CHAPTER

By Marjorie L. Rolle

At a breakfast meeting, September 29, at the lovely home of Inza Riedesel in Billings, the Montana Chapter elected the following officers: chairman, Dorothy Sabo; vice chairman, Marjorie L. Rolle; secretary, Norma Wingfield, and treasurer, Winifred (Pud) Lovelace. Orpha Dann, our flying school teacher, was presented with a gift of appreciation for the work she has done in air education in the eastern part of Montana. Orpha traveled over 50 miles by airplane (or by truck in bad weather) to teach aviation education to school teachers in the Miles City, Mont., area every Friday night for many weeks.

We are pleased to welcome another future 99 member, Cheri Schwarzrock.



Eva Schwarzrock and her new 24½ are spending the winter at Fort Knox, Ky., where Capt. James (49½) is attending National Guard camp. Vera Throssel's employer, Long Construction Co., has just purchased a new twin Bonanza and Vera has acquired some dual and quite a bit of co-pilot time on business trips in western United States. Joan Greening, our youngest Montana pilot, has just returned to school at Northwestern University, where she is studying journalism. Louise Butcher, wife of Milton Butcher, one of the Flying Farmers, is a welcome addition to our chapter. Louise and her husband of Winifred, Mont., own a Piper Tri-Pacer. Marjorie Logan Rolle, a captain in the Air Force Reserve, spent two weeks active duty at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, Mont. While on active duty she assisted with the Civil Air Patrol cadet encampment, and is the envy of our group because she flew for 1½ hours in the F-96 (all-weather jet fighter) used by the 29th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Malmstrom. Marge also hitched a ride to Hamilton Field, Calif., with the air force after attending the Northwest sectional meeting at Boise, and spent two weeks in San Francisco, Calif.

#### **EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER** By Evelyn Wa'dren

Everyone had a heckofalotafun at the October EW Chapter meeting held at the wheat ranch home of Minnie and Carl Boyd, near Pullman, October 7. The huge Boyd home, a three-layer affair, even has an elevator to serve the three floors. (If Minnie had to climb all those stairs she wouldn't have time to fly her Tri-Pacer.)

It was the first anniversary of the chapter and Betty Seavey had thoughtfully brought a birthday cake with appropriate 99 trimmings to help celebrate the event. All the incumbent officers were re-elected for the coming year, with Minnie Boyd, Lydiellen Hagan, Betty Seavey and Mary Drinkwater again serving as chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer respectively.

It wasn't until everyone had arrived at Minnie's that Minnie Boyd learned that she had been elected Sectional vice governor. Gini Richardson was re-elected governor and Doris Atkinson and Norma Wingfield were re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The Eastern Washington 99's haven't let any grass grow under their wings the past month, particularly the Walla Walla area girls, who first assisted at the Walla Walla Air Fair, October 14, displaying aircraft, registering 243 kids throughout the day, of which nine won free flights and in general talking their heads off to help boost aviation. Minnie Boyd, Betty Seavey, Parry Casey and Ann Warren did the honors. On the heels of that the Sprayers convened in Walla Walla two

weeks later and the girls had to scurry around, arranging a luncheon and program for the women in attendance and to help with reservations and courtesy cars. Somehow, blonde, effervescent Betty Seavey takes it all in her stride.



## **SOUTHWEST SECTION**

#### **BAY CITIES CHAPTER** By Lindy Boyes

First meeting under guidance of new officers was held October 19 at the San Francisco home of brand new member Margaret Topping. Geri Hill presided at the brief meeting. Most of the evening was devoted to chatting and chewing — scrumptious cheese cake whipped up by our hostess.

Activities of members were revealed. Ruth Rueckert flew her husband in the family Cessna 120 to Colusa, some 100 miles from San Francisco, to a duck hunting club where Fred hunted ducks, of course. Mabel Zehr and hubby, Otto, have been working out the family Funk in much local flying from the San Carlos Airport (last year when the TAR started from this field it was named the San Mateo County Airport, hooray for brevity). Margaret Topping is piling up the hours at Half Moon Bay Airport for her commercial license, has only about 10 to go. Miriam Brugh and Ruth Rueckert enroute home from the SW sectional meeting at Salt Lake City in Ruth's 120, Mariam is given the controls to get mountain flying experience and also is dubbed "Flatland-Texas-gal-Brugh." Lindy Boyes ferrying a CAP L-16 from Crissy Field (Presidio of S. F.) to Hemet, near Riverside, Calif., long ride with one heart-warming experience when stopping for gas in the San Joaquin Valley turns out the field is a private strip and after filling up with 10 gallons of gasoline and being offered the use of the swimming pool and the automobile to go to town for something to eat, the farmer-owner refuses payment for the petrol. "Wouldn't know what to charge you in the first place or what to do with the money if you gave it to me, and, besides, 10 gallons more or less here don't make any difference."

#### **SAGUARO CHAPTER** By Marjy Crowl

Our October business meeting was held in Doris Glina's new home in Merryvale Terrace. A surprise baby shower was given Doris by attending 99's, Melba Beard, Jimmie Lou Shelton, Wilma Bland, Betty Knier, Alice Roberts, Mary McNeil, Juanita Newell and Marjy Crowl.

Litchfield Naval Air Facility was the site of our fall quarterly meeting. People arrived via planes and cars between 12 and 12:30, as planned, and

proceeded to the Civilian Cafeteria for luncheon where places were set for 63 people.

Vincent Fitzgerald, director of the Arizona Aviation Authority, and Cmdr. Feddern of the Litchfield N.A.F. gave brief talks.

What a delightful surprise to learn that Hazel Wakefield and family have moved here permanently. Newspaper publicity about the quarterly meeting "flushed" her from the bushes of business. She, her 49½er, Sid, and son, Dick, were at the Naval Air Facility. Hope the Chicago Area Chapter's loss is our gain.

Members of our chapter and of the Wing Scout troop which we sponsor are cooperating with Art Bethancourt, captain for Arizona, on the airport flight operations survey. Wing Scouts worked out at Sky Harbor Airport, Verne Brooke, Betty Knier, Melba Beard and Alice Roberts at Paradise Airport and your truly at Airhaven Airport.

#### **BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER** By Bert Haycock

In October we combined business with pleasure and had a dinner meeting at Haycock House in Pond. Though our group is small all the girls really try to attend our meetings even though it means that one of us will have to make a trip of 80 miles regardless of where the meeting is held. We are very much in hopes of interesting new girls in joining our chapter and with the cooperation of the local newspapers we are really on the search for new members.

Marcia Fandrem, Edna Long and Priscilla Spencer attended an all-day meeting of the executive board of California Aviation Education Association in Bakersfield this past week. Marcia is president and we are all proud of the outstanding job she continually does in this important work.

Florence Moody's daughter, Margaret, is to be married this month.

Our next meeting will be November 2 in Bakersfield at the home of Priscilla Spencer.

#### **LOS ANGELES CHAPTER** By Marijane Brown

Our October meeting convened in Winifred Willmore's beautifully decorated apartment in Park La Brea Towers.

Highlight of the evening was Barbara Jean Sewald's vivid account of her travels and adventures with the Lowell Thomas expedition to film Cinerama IV. The principal means of transportation was a Globemaster, but the party also used boats, rafts, gondolas, snow shoes, skis, elephants, horses, donkeys, etc.

Barbara attended the coronation of the King of Nepal, and mingled with VIP's from many lands. She traveled narrow and hazardous trails through



the lofty mountains which rim the fascinating paradise known as Hunza, that fabulous kingdom whose healthy, happy citizens pay no taxes and need no police force. These people are all descended from Alexander the Great, and their present ruler is brother of the Aga Kahn.

From an outcropping along the way Barbara extracted a handful of natural garnets, which she bountifully distributed as gifts to each girl present. (Moral: Never miss a meeting.)

Countess Lilly Coudenrove-Calergi, who is sparking a movement to convene an annual international congress of women flyers in Europe, has suggested an annual trans-Atlantic air race, following the AWTAR, and preceding the convention. If you are interested, tell the girls on the AWTAR committee.

#### **COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER** By Faye Douthitt

Our first meeting since the summer vacations are over was held Monday, Oct. 28, at the Desert Air Motel. After the meeting was adjourned we all enjoyed a lovely lunch in their nice dining room.

Zaddie Bunker is now the proud owner of a Navion 205 (Rocking Chair No. 2). As everyone remembers No. 1 was an Ercoupe. Being a Navion owner myself I know she took a step in the right direction. We are happy to hear that Zaddie was crowned queen of the Flying Club convention in Seattle — see her in November issue

of Flying. After the convention she went by boat to Alaska. She says next time it will be by air. Helen Kenaston and husband flew in a Beech Bonanza to Canada, had a very lovely trip but had to cut it short because of a change in their daughter's wedding plans. They now have a son-in-law.

#### **SAN DIEGO CHAPTER** By Edna E. Penners

1956 AWTAR movies were shown at our October 18 meeting in the lovely new home of Mayetta Behringer, recent transferee from the Long Beach Chapter. Also, committee chairmen appointed were: Marian Carver, assistant secretary; Evelyn Briggs, board member at large; Jean Cousins, flying activities; Lea Hanlon, historian; Eileen Saunders, programs; Betty Lambert and Marian Carver, rummage sales.

We are very proud of our Dottie Sanders for winning so many honors in the annual air games. She won a trophy for second place in 180 spot landing, second place trophy for the proficiency race and first place with the highest total points for all events, for this she won the Fred E. Eisert award. Congratulations, Dottie.

#### **SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER** By Ardell Hawk

On October 16 our regular monthly meeting was held at San Jose Airport in the cafeteria, courtesy of Marion Barnick. Once again we postponed our election for next year's chapter officers because there were not enough

of us in attendance to make up a quorum. Next month we expect 100 percent attendance.

We made up a calendar of meetings for the next six months to come. Also a tentative schedule of fly-ins for the next six months. If the weather will just cooperate we can look forward to some real interesting flights. In November we'll all fly to the Nut Tree for lunch. The food is really delicious. We want to fly to Pismo Beach to go clamming, but haven't decided yet if the month should have an "R" in it or not. In April we all want to fly to the spring sectional in Las Vegas.

#### **LONG BEACH CHAPTER** By Ruth Gay

Plans for a Christmas party at the new home of Betty Loufek in Garden Grove were discussed with enthusiasm at the October meeting. Chairman Donna Chilcote promises to cook a turkey, and the rest of us are to bring the "trimmings." There will be dancing and entertainment and "toys for tots" on the program.

The highlight of the evening was a talk by John Denan, airport traffic controller from the Los Angeles tower. He explained surveillance and precision radar to us. Long Beach has installed surveillance radar and is now anxious for practice runs.

Hostesses for the evening were Ruth Nitzen and Polly Bocker. They served us a variety of delicious doughnuts and lots of apple cider. It was one of the nicest evenings we have had.

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